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SUBJECT: BEGIN ADDRESSES HERUT CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1.PRIME MINISTER BEGIN WENT FROM YESTERDAY'S (JULY 16)
WEEKLY CABINET MEETING, TO A MEETING OF HERUT'S CENTRAL
COMMITTEE. THE 700 MEMBER BODY, CONVENED TO DISCUSS THE
CURRENT STATE OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, GAVE BEGIN A STAND-
ING OVATION WHEN HE DECLARED THAT HE IS NOT AN OBSTACLE
TO PEACE, BUT RATHER "A BARRIER TO SURRENDER." BEGIN SAID
HE WOULD NOT RESPOND TO THE WORLDWIDE "CAMPAIGN FOR MY RE-
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SIGNATION," ADDING THAT HE IS RELUCTANT TO HIT BACK AT
SADAT'S PERSONAL ATTACKS ON HIM FOR FEAR CAIRO WOULD EX-
PLOIT THIS TO CALL OFF THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

2. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED AGRICULTURE MINISTER SHARON,
WHO SHARPLY CRITICIZED WHAT HE CALLED SADAT'S ATTEMPTS TO
SOW DISCORD AMONG ISRAEL'S LEADERS. MK GEULA COHEN

(LEADER OF HERUT'S RIGHTWING) CALLED FOR BEGIN TO WITHDRAW HIS PEACE PLAN AND WAS MET BY HECKLING AND CATCALLS FROM THE PREDOMINANTLY PRO-BEGIN AUDIENCE.

3. REFLECTING BEGIN'S IMPROVED APPEARANCE AND VIGOR, THE PRIME MINISTER WAS IN GOOD FORM. BEGIN GENERALLY DRAWS A PSYCHOLOGICAL LIFT FROM APPEARANCES BEFORE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. HE CAN COUNT ON THE ADULATION OF THE CORE OF THIS BODY WHICH INCLUDES A LARGE NUMBER OF OLDTIME REVISIONISTS, WHO BELONGED TO THE MOVEMENT EVEN BEFORE THE STATE WAS ESTABLISHED. BEGIN IS ALSO POPULAR WITH THE LARGE ELEMENT OF YOUNG SEPHARDIC JEWS FROM DEVELOPMENT TOWNS AND THE POOR SECTIONS OF THE LARGE CITIES-- HERUT'S PRIME CONSTITUENCY. NOTABLY ABSENT FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS "AN INTERIM GENERATION," ACADEMICS AND PROFESSIONALS.

4. THE DEBATE IS SCHEDULED TO BE CONCLUDED AT A MEETING IN TWO WEEKS TIME BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SOLIDLY SUPPORTS THE PRIME MINISTER. BEGIN'S CRITICS, WEIZMAN (CONSPICUOUS BY HIS ABSENCE) ON ONE HAND, AND THE HERUT RIGHTWINGERS ON THE OTHER, WERE UNDER SHARP ATTACK. THEIR DEMAND FOR A HARDER-THAN-BEGIN-LINE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT WAS EXCEEDINGLY UNPOPULAR LAST NIGHT. IN CONTRAST SHARON REITERATED HIS SUPPORT OF BEGIN'S PEACE PLAN AND WAS CLEARLY BEHIND THE PRIME MINISTER ALL THE WAY.

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